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Introduction to Oracle In-Memory Database Cache

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When You Think "Database Application"



RDBMS and network connectivity

<u>NOT</u> fast enough for some <u>Response time critical</u> applications

Typical solutions: *Build a home-grown, application-specific, in-memory buffer 'cache'.....*

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Oracle TimesTen In-Memory Database

Memory-Optimized RDBMS for Real-Time Applications



- Delivers *real-time* responsiveness and very high throughput
- Deployed in the application tier, as
 - Standalone in-memory database

OR

 Read/Write In-memory database cache for Oracle Database

Lightning Fast Response

Average Response Time TimesTen In-Memory Database



Oracle TimesTen In-Memory Database 7.0.4, AMD Opteron 1.8GHz, 64-bit Red Hat Linux

HLR Application Demo



2-CPU, 2.4 GHz Intel P4/Xeon with 6GB of RAM, SLES9

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Why Is TimesTen So Fast?

- In-Memory Database
 - Entire database is always in memory
 - Designed and optimized for memory layout
 - No buffer cache management overhead
 - Shorter code path = faster performance
 - Fewer CPU instructions = fewer processors required
- Application can embed in-memory database into its process address space
 - Eliminate network and inter-process communication overhead
 - Very low response time (like calling a procedure)





Oracle TimesTen In-Memory Database



- In-memory RDBMS
 - Entire database in memory
 - Standard ODBC/JDBC, SQL 92
 - Compatible with Oracle Database
 - Accessed via direct-linked or via client/server connections
- Exceptional performance
 - Very low response time → high throughput
- Persistence and recoverability
 - Database persists to disk
 - Transactions with ACID properties
- High Availability via transactional data replication



Oracle In-Memory Database Cache



- Improves application response time
- Cache tables, subset of rows and columns
 - Unlimited reads and writes
- Automatic data synchronization
 - Updates in cache are propagated to Oracle database
 - Updates in Oracle database are refreshed to in-memory cache tables
- Applications access in-memory cache tables like regular database tables using SQL
 - Joins/search, insert/update/delete

Types of In-Memory Caches

- <u>Read-only Cache</u>
 - Oracle Database updates automatically refreshed to in-memory cache tables
- <u>Updatable Cache</u>
 - Transactions committed in the cache and write-through to Oracle Database
 - Asynchronous and synchronous write-through options
- Static Cache
 - Entire content of cache is pre-loaded prior to doing any work
- Dynamic Cache
 - Data loaded transparently from Oracle if not found in the cache
 - Automatic data aging : LRU & Timestamp based aging



Multiple Read-Only Caches Examples

In-Memory Cache:

- ✤ User profile
- Ticket symbols
- Service policies
- Flight schedule

Oracle Database:

- Flight reservation
- Reference data
- Historical data data





Reference-data is heavily accessed by applications, "readonly", and an ideal candidate for real-time caching

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Dynamic Database Caching

Call Center Application Example

- Transparent loading of customer data from Oracle Database
 - Load customer data dynamically at the time of the call
 - Improve database responsiveness for subsequent operations
- Automatic data aging
 - Remove old or least-recentlyused data to make room for new callers



Benefits of In-Memory Database Cache

- Reduced application response time
 - Read and Write transactions on cached tables are completed more quickly
- Very high throughput
 - Low latency yields high throughput
- Reduced workload on the Oracle Database
 - More computing resources available for other workloads
- Run on commodity hardware
 - Available on 20 popular platforms



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